Glimses
of Islam in Worlds Major Religions

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Say, `Oh. People of the Scriptures, come to a word that is equitable between us and you – that we will not worship except Allah and not associate anything with him and not take one another as lords instead of Allah. `But if they turn away, then say, `Bear witness that we are Muslims (submitting to Him).

(The Noble Quran 3:64)

MEANING OF `ISLAM'

Every religion of the world has been named after its founder. For instance, Christianity derives its name from Prophet Jesus Christ. Buddhism from its founder Gautama Buddha. Zoroastrianism from its founder Zoroaster and Judaism from the tribe of Judah. The same is true of all other religions , except Islam. Islam is not named after Prophet Muhammad. Islam existed from time immemorial. In fact , from the time man first set foot on earth.

Prophet Muhammad was not the founder of Islam, but he only restated, reinstated and restored Islam to its pristine purity, after it had been corrupted and distorted by the followers of earlier prophets. All followers of earlier prophets and revelations that came to them were Muslims and those who disbelieved in them were Kafirs (disbelievers).Islam connotes submission, surrender and obedience to God and the person who surrenders to the Will of God is a Muslim. In fact, the whole creation obeys the laws of God.

The sun, the moon, stars all obey the laws of nature set by God. Even man's entire life, every part of his body follows the laws prescribed by God. The eyes see, the ears hear, the mouth eats, etc. It cannot go against this law, for instances the eyes cannot hear, the ears cannot see, etc. They are bound by the laws prescribed for them and cannot go against it.

So, Islam in its vast (wide) connotation means `surrender to God' and a Muslim means `one who has surrendered to God'. It is is not confined to the followers of Muhammad, but it is also used for the followers of prophets who came before prophet Muhammad, who surrendered themselves to the will of God, through their respective prophets. In the Quran, Abraham says ` I have surrendered myself to God '(Kana Musliman) and the disciples of Jesus say `we have surrendered ourselves to God' (Bi-anna Musliman). In Islamic usage, it is used for the followers of Muhammad.

After this brief introduction of Islam, now we proceed to our main subject `Glimpses of Islam in World Major Religions

In this small article I intend to show the Unity of God and prophecies regarding Prophet Mohammad in the sacred scriptures of World Major Religions.
The Creator and Sustainer of the universe is One and has no second. Only He is worthy of worship . He is the Lord of the Worlds. He has no Partners or Associates in His Godhead. For the well-being of the human-beings in this world and the next and to give them guidance, He has been sending Messengers in every age.. They all taught the Unity of God. (Tauhid). He is Unique and has no Compeer (Laisa Misli Shai). Nothing is like the likeness of Him. But the followers of the Prophets, in due course of time, corrupted and distorted their religion for vested interests. They even tampered with the revealed text. So God sent his Last Messenger, Prophet Muhammad (SAS) and the Final Revelation, the Holy Quran, and guaranteed its preservation for all times. This promise of God can be seen from the fact that even after 14 centuries, the text of the Quran has remained intact.

MONOTHEISM IN JUDAISM, CHRISTANITY, ISLAM, HINDU AND PARSI SCIPTURES

UNITY OF GOD IN THE OLD AND NEW TESTAMENT.

The First Commandment,
which God gave to Moses was :
'SHAMA ISRAELU ADONAI ILA HAYNO ADONAI IKHAD'
'Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is One Lord.'
(Mark: 12:29).
'I, even I, am the Lord and beside me, there is no Saviour (Isaiah 43:11).
'I am the Lord, and there is none else,there is no god besides me(Isaiah 45:5).

JUDAISM CONDEMNS IDOL-WORSHIP

'Thou shall have no gods before me. Thou shall not make unto thee any graven image. '(Exodus: 20:3-5) similar message is given in (Deut. 5:7-9)

Hazrat Ibrahim, the great ancestor of Moses, Jesus and Muhammad says to his father Azar, who was not only an idolater, but also carved idols and sold them. 'Woe, to those who incline their hearts to vanity and worship senseless images without power to smell, or hear. Mouths they have, but sounds they cannot utter, eyes they have, but lack the power to see. They have ears, that cannot hear, hands that cannot move and feet that cannot walk. Senseless are the man who wrought them, senseless those who trust in them and bow before them. Then why serve senseless, powerless gods.

Gods who can neither help thee in thy need, nor who hear thy supplications ? Evil is of thee and those who unite with thee to serve images of stones and wood, forgetting the Lord God, who made the heavens and earth and all that is therein . Ye bring guilt upon your souls, the same guilt for which your ancestors were punished by waters of the flood. Cease. `Oh, my father to serve such gods, lest evil fall upon thee and the souls of all thy family (Polano: 35-36).

Jesus confirmed the Judaic law. He says: 'And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God and Jesus Christ, whom thou has sent. (A Prophet of God) (John: I7:3).

Jesus when he was asked as to which was the First Commandment, he repeated verbatim what Moses had preached earlier.

SHAMA ISAELU ADONAI ILA HAYNO ADONAI IKHAD'.

`Hear. Oh Israel, the Lord our God is One Lord.'
`For it is written, you shall worship the Lord your God and him only shall you serve.(Mathew 4:10).
The Lord our God, is one God.... And these words which I command you this day, shall be upon your hearts, and shall teach them diligently to your children.....And you shall write them on the doorsteps of your house and your gates. (Deut: 6:4-9).

`He is the Lord our God (Psalms 105:7).

`You shall worship the Lord your God and Him only shall you serve. Jesus asserted that no one is worthy to be worshipped except God alone. (Matthew 4:10 and Luke 4:8).

God says:`I am the lord your God (Exodus 20:2).

``You shall have no gods before Me. You shall not make for yourself a graven image.....You shall not bow down to them or serve them. '(Exodus 20:3-5).
All these verses categorically prohibit all kinds of *images of God. For He has no likeness. It is wrong to make idols of prophets, angels and instal them in* prayer houses, graveyards, halls and in our homes and stand before them with folded hands and worship them and beseech them in our needs for they can never hear us and cannot help us in our difficulties. For it is God alone who hears our prayers and helps us.

Do not turn to idols or make for yourself molden gods.
I am the Lord, your God. (Leviticus I0:3-4).

`The Lord is God, there is no other besides him (Deut: 4:35).

`I am thy Lord, thy God. Thou shall have no other before me. Thou shall not have any graven image. Thou shall not bow down before them to serve them or go after other gods to serve them and to worship them. (Jer.25:4:6).

`See, now that I, even I, am He, and there is no god besides Me. (Deut: 32:39).

Solomon says :`Oh Lord, God of Israel, there is no God like thee (1 Kings:8:22). (ie He has no likeness)

`I am the first and I am the last, besides me there is no God (Isaiah 44:6).

`I am the Lord, and there is no other, besides me, there is no god. .....There is none besides me, I am the Lord and there is no other (Isaiah 45:5-6).

Same message is repeated in Isaiah (45:l8), (46.9), and (48:l12).

`The Lord is the true God (Jeramiah 10:10).

`I am the Lord your God (Hosea l3:4).

Jesus says that only God is to be worshipped. `You shall worship the Lord your God and Him only shall you serve.(Mathew:4:10). And Luke (4:8). All these quotes from the canonical Bible. But when we come to Gospel of Barnabas, strict monotheism is even more explicitly mentioned.

The crowd drew nigh and when they knew him, they began to cry out `"Welcome to thee, Oh.our God, and they began to do him reverence as unto God. Whereupon Jesus gave a great groan and said `Get ye away from me, Oh. Mad man, for I fear lest the earth will rend asunder and devour me with you for abominable words.' (Gospel of Barnabas : 213).

`UNITY OF GOD IN HINDU SCRIPTURES.

`EKAM EVADVITIYAM'
He is one only without a second.(Chandogya Upanishad 6:2:1).

`NACASYA KASCIJ JANITA NA CADHIPAH'.

`Of Him there are neither parents nor lord.'. (Upanishads Part II page 263).

`NA TASYA PARATIMA ASTI'

There is no likeness of Him'. (Shwetashvatara Upanishad Ch.4:19).

`NA SAMDRSE TISTHATI RUPAM ASYA, NA CAKSUSA PASYATI KAS CANAINAM.'

His form cannot be seen, no one sees Him with the eye.((-do- Ch.4:20)

`Those whose intelligence has been stolen by material desires ,worship demigods' that is `Those who are materialistic, they worship demigods'. (i.e. others as deities besides the True God).(Bhagwad Geeta 7:20).

`He who knows Me as the unborn, as the beginning-less, as the Supreme Lord of all the worlds.'.

(Bhagwat Geeta l0:3).

`NA TASYA PRATIMA ASTI'.

There is no image of Him.'(Yajurveda Ch.32:3).

`ANDHTMA PRAVISHANTI YE ASSAMBHUTI MUSPASTE'(YAJURVED CH.40:9).

They enter darkness, those who worship natural things.' (e.g. worship of natural elements air, water, fire, etc.). It further continues and says `They sink deeper in darkness those who worship sambhuti (i.e created things' e.g. created things such as table, chair idols, etc. (Yajurveda Samhita.pg. 538). He is bodiless and pure (Yajurved Samhita pg. 538 by Griffith).It further says, `as He is unborn, He deserves our worship (Yajurveda 32:3).

`EKAM SAT VIPRA BAHUDHA VADANTI'

Sages(learned priests) call one God by many names.'.Truth is one,God is one, sages call it by various names.' (Rig veda Bk.10, hymn 114, Verse 5).

`MÂ CHIDANYADVI SHANSATA'

Do not worship anybody but Him, the Divine One. Praise Him alone.(Rig Veda Samhiti Vol. IX, pg.1 & 2).

`Verily great is the glory of the Divine Creator'.
(Rigveda Samhiti Vo.6, pg.l802 & 1803.

`YA EKA ITTAMUSHTUHI'

(RIG VEDA HYMN 45, VERSE 16).

`Praise Him who is the matchless and alone.(R.V.p648).

`EKAM BRAHM, DVITIYA NASSTE NEH NA NASSTTE KINCHAN'

Bhagwan ek hi hai dusara nahi hai, nahi hai, nahi hai, zara bhi nahi hai'.

There is only one God, not the second, not at all, not at all, not in the least bit'.
(Brahma Sutra of Hindu Vedanta).

`All praise for God, who is the Creator of the Universe (Rig Veda 3:34.1).

`How can we worship anyone else except God (RigVeda l0:121.4).

`God is one (Rig Veda . (84-7).

`Upanishad says `He(God) is one, without partnership of others (Chandogya Upanishad 6:2:l).

Rig Veda says.

`Oh. Believers do not worship anyone except Him (God). He is the only God (Rig Veda 8:l:1).

Brahma Sutra says

`God is one, no one is there, except him, never, not a little bit.'.

Rig Veda says `

`Let all know that there is no one like you in Universe, neither anyone (like you) ever existed on earth or will exist in future. (Rig Veda 7-32:-23).

He is the Lord of human beings, no one equals Him, he the ruler of the entire Universe
(Rig Veda: (6:36-4).

`God has no images (Yagurveda 10-71-4).

`He (God) is the Lord of the human beings, no one equals Him, He is the Ruler of the entire world

(Rig Veda 6:364).

``God is One (Atharva Veda 10-9-29).

`He is the One, Alone, Immortal. God is One only (Atharva Veda 1:52:14).
`Oh. Believers, do not worship anyone except Him (God). He is the only God (Rig Veda 8: 1:1)

`The God who feeds us, who created us and who is our Lord, knows each and every thing in the universe (Rig Veda l0:82-3).

IDOL-WORSHIP IS PROHIBITED IN HINDUISM.

`God is neither in wood nor in stone. He is neither in idol, made from clay'.
`Idol made from clay or stones are not the God'. Fools insult Me by considering Me in body form (Geeta).
`Living creatures do not exist in my entity. It is Me who created them and sustains them (Geeta 9:5), There is no idol of god. His name is Great

(Yagur Veda 3:32).

The Vendata declares: The Supreme Being is One, there is none other than Him.
He is the Lord. He is Omnipresent. He is worthy of all praise. He is the object of all respects. He is the Greatest. He is the creator of everything and has knowledge of everything (Rig Veda 2:1:3).

The Supreme being is the Sustainer of the heavens and the earth. He is the source of power. He is the one who gives provisions. He is the Beneficient. He is the Cherisher. He protects his worshippers. The Supreme being is the Lord of the precious sun. He maintains all affairs. He is the object of veneration. He is the Beneficient. He looks after those who worships him. (Rig Veda 2:l:7).

That God is one (Atharva Veda 10:9:29).

Rig Veda states
that the Truth is One. The Lord of the Universe is One. He directs all actions. He is above all. He is everyone's refuge. He sees all. He knows all.

He who does not need an ear to hear and He is the source of power of hearing. He is the Brahma., whom you worship.

He is the Supreme. He sends His Messengers. He is one who holds aloft the heavens and the earth. (Rig Veda 2:12:2).

Incidentally, it may be stated that as per the Research carried out by Abdul Haqq Vidyarthi Abraham is mentioned as Brahma in Atharve Veda, his elder son Ismael (or Hazrat Ismail) as Atharva and the younger son Issac or Haz. Ishaq as Angira. Followers of Manu (Noah) follow the Adi Granth, which means ancient scriptures. Equivalent Arabic name of Adi Granth is 'Suhuf Oola', Suhuf mean granth or a book. 'Oola' means first or earlier or ancient. The Holy Quran refers to these scattered pages as `ancient scattered pages of Divine revelations, or `Zabral Awwaleen'.(Scripture of former people). Quran says that `Whatever we have revealed in Suhuf Oola (Adi Granth), which you have) is it not a solid proof for you (Holy Quran : 20:133).

As stated in the Quran that Haz. Ibrahim took his son (Ismail) for sacrifice, but before sacrificing him, he asked his consent, to which Haz. Ismail readily consented. So also in the Vedas it is stated that Brahma (i.e Haz. Ibrahim) asked the consent of his son Atharva, who readily submitted to his father's wish.

'Atharva served his head and heart. Piety was moving on his forehead (Atharva Veda :x:10:26).

God in Parsi Scriptures (Zoroastrianism).

`He is One but not One in number
He has none like Him. Nothing resembles Him.
(Nama Shat Vakhshur Zaritusht)
Dasatir pg.69)

He gives life and existence to everything
(Dasatir pg. 3).
He is above all that you can imagine of
(Dasatir pg. 33).

UNITY OF GOD IN SIKHISIM

The fundamental teaching of Sikhisim is the Moolmantra. That there exists but One God, who is called the Truth. The Creator, the Immortal, not begotton, self existent, Great and Compassionate. Sikkisam enjoins strict monotheism. It believes in One Supreme God, who is called `Ek Omkara'.

UNITY OF GOD IN ISLAM.

Surah Ikhlas is the touch-stone of Theology in Islam.

`Say, He is God, the One and Only.
Allah, the Eternal, Absolute.
He begets not, nor is He begotton.
And there is none like Him.
(Al-Quran 112:1-4).

God does not take human form. If He were to do it, then He would cease to be God, for He would possess human qualities. God is eternal, but human beings have a beginning and an end. God cannot be both eternal and be born. God does not need food to sustain Himself, but human being need food to subsist and they also require rest to overcome

fatigue. Islam further teaches that you should not worship idols for He has no likeness. If you do, then you are going against the Bible as well as the Vedas, which says:

`Thou shall not make unto thee any graven image.(Exodus 20:3:5)/ And

`NA TASYA PARTIMA ASTI'
There is no likeness of Him.
(Sheweta Upanishad Ch. 4:19).

From the above quotations from the Bible and Vedas, it is proved, beyond any shadow of doubt, the first part of the Kalma of the Islamic creed, i.e. `La Illaha Illalllah'
(There is no god worthy of worship except One God).Regarding the second part of the Kalma `Muhammad-ur-Rasullah' – Mohammad is the Messenger of Allah, please refer my other articles `Fulfilled Prophecies of the Bible' and `Mohammad in World Major Religions.

In conclusion, I have to state that the basic teaching

of all major Religions of the World has been the Unity of God, which is clearly mentioned in their Scriptures (as shown above). No Prophet, Saint or Rishi ever taught worship of any other besides God. They all preached that God alone is worthy of worship.

In olden times, peopleused to worship the elements of nature, such as the sun, moon, stars, planets, mountains, etc. But man has been endowed with powers and capabilities that he can subdue everything and turn it to his own use. Does he not degrade himself by bowing before the elements of nature, for which he has been created to conquer and rule ? Today, man has reached the moon. Does it mean that he is standing on his god?

Secondly, any human being, howsoever great he may be, can never be a god. For there was a time, he was not there in the world. Can you image, the world functioning without a god ? Then, there was a time, when he was born and lived on Earth, and the person who lives has to subsist on food, and the person who takes in food also passes excreta. Can that be a quality of God ? Can you imagine God

going to a Toilet. Man is a mortal, morsel of clay, subject to all human needs. He can never be your god. Our God is only He who has created us in our mother's womb and nobody else. In our creation, He had no partners or helpers to assist Him.

Thirdly, the things you carve out of your own hands, to whom you give shape and size, can they be your gods? They have eyes, which see not, hands which hold not, ears which hear not, and legs which walk not. They are so impotent that they cannot create a fly; leave aside creating a fly, they cannot ward off a fly. Are these the ones who have created us in our mothers' womb. Are these mute things, carved out of man's art, our gods and goddesses. Have they created mankind or by mankind were they made. So convince yourselves of their nothingness and your folly (foolishness) in worshipping things which are your own handiwork.

Islam teaches the Absolute Unity of God and considers no one, howsoever great, as His equal or Partner. They all are His creatures; they lived and died and had nothing of godhead in themselves.

God says in the Quran that He will forgive any sin, for whomsoever He wills, but one sin He will not forgive, and that is you ascribe any partner unto Him and the person who commits this sin, will be destined for eternal damnation (ie. Hell fire).

Dear Readers, I appeal to you in the name of God to seriously ponder over all these verdicts of your own scriptures and accept the fact that our Creator is only One and He alone is worthy of our worship and nobody else. He has not Partners who help Him in creating and maintaining the Universe. He is the only Creator and He alone should be worshipped and obeyed.

May God guide us to the Truth.

Mohammad (pbuh) in World Major Religion

Those to whom We have given the Scripture recognize him as they recognize their (own) sons. Those who will lose themselves (in the Hereafter) do not believe. (The Noble Quran 6:20)

Those who follow the Messenger, the Unlettered Prophet, whom they find described in the Taurat and Injil which are with them
(The Noble Quran 7:157)

And Those who disbelieve say, "Thou are not a sent one" say Thou Allah is sufficient witness between me and you and also he with whom is the knowledge of the Book.
(The Noble Quran 13:43)

And (mention) when Jesus, the son of Mary, said, "O children of Israel, indeed I am the Messenger of Allah to you confirming what came before me of the Torah and bringing good tidings of a messanger to come after me whose name is Ahmad." But when he (Muhammed pbuh) came to them with clear evidence, they said, "This is obvious magic."
(The Noble Quran 61:6)

Mohammad in the Bibles.

Fulfilled Prophecies of the Bible.

All Praise be to Allah who has been sending Messengers in every nation to guide mankind to the true path. He has been especially gracious to Bani Israel, who were the torch-bearers of monotheism. Most of the Prophets have come from them. Many prophecies are mentioned in the Old Testament and the New Testament, which have been literally fulfilled. Your kind attention is drawn to these prophecies and you are requested to investigate them, without prejudice and come to a right conclusion.

Small comments are given below each prophecy for better understanding. Prophet Abraham had two sons, Ismail and Isaac. Ismail was born when (Abrahim) was 85 years old and Isaac was born when he was 100 years old. Both the sons of Abraham were blessed. From Isaacs descentants, lines of prophets have come. Isaac son Jacob was a prophet. His son Joseph was a prophet and from his lineage have come Moses, Aaron, Zakariyah, John the Baptist and even Jesus Christ from his mother`s side.

Ismail, the elder Son of Ibrahim was also blessed and it is stated in the Bible :

Prophecy No.1 :

`As for Ismail, I have heard thee, Oh Abraham, and I have blessed him, twelve princes he will beget and I will make him a great nation, and in him shall all the tribes of the world be. blessed. And I will make a nation of the son of the slave woman also, because he is your offspring.... Hagar departed and went in the wilderness.
(Genesis 17:20).

Prophecy No.2:

`And God heard the voice of the lad, and the angel of

God called Hagar, `What aileth thee, Hagar, fear not, for God has heard the voice of the lad. Arise, lift up the lad, and hold him in thy hand, for I will make him a great nation'(Gen: 21:8)

From the above quotations of the Bible, it is clear that God had promised to bless the son of the slave woman (i.e. Hajar) and make a great nation from her off-spring. Hajar was left in the wilderness of Paran (a mountain in Mecca) by Abraham alongwith her infant (Ismail), who was on the verge of losing his life, as no water was available in Mecca. It was by a ,miracle that the child survived -water gushing out from below his feet. This stream still flows and is called `Abe-Zam Zam). When Ismail grew up, Hajar, got him married to an Egyptian woman and from his first born, Kedar, the Arabs owe their descent.

Prophecy No.3

`Let the wilderness and the cities thereof lift up their voice, the villages that Kedar doth inhabit, let the inhabitants of the rock sing, let them shout at the top of the mountains, let them give glory unto the Lord and declare his praise in the islands. The Lord.....he shall prevail against his enemies (Issiah xlii:2).

God had promised revelation to Kedar's children, which

they received through Muhammad. At the time of Hajj, nations from all over the world, gather at Mecca and sing the praises of the Lord, by saying ***`Labbaik Allahumma Labbaik, La Sharika Laka Labbaik Innal Hamda Wa Niyamata Walaka Mulk, Lashirka Lacca.'***

`Oh Lord, I am present. Oh Lord, I am present. You have no Partners, Oh Lord. I am present. All Praises and Blessings are for You. Yours is the Kingdom. You have no Partners Oh Lord.

Prophecy No.4:

God says to Moses.

`I will raise them up a Prophet from among their brethren like unto thee (Moses) and I will put my words in his mouth. And he shall speak to them all that I command him and whoever does not heed to my words, which he will speak in my name, I Myself will require it of him. (Deut: l8:l8).

This was primarily addressed to the Israelites, their brethren are the Ishmaelites and a Prophet was to be raised from the Ismail's descendants and there is historic proof that only one Prophet has come from Ismail's descendants, {i.e. Prophet Muhammad}. In this verse there is also a stern warning that whosoever does not believe in him,

God Himself, will punish him.

Prophecy No.5:

`The Lord came from Sinai, he rose from Seir unto them, he shined forth from
Paran, and he came with 10,000 saints, from his right hand went a fiery law for them. (Deut: xxx:2).

Revelations came to Moses from Sinai, he rises from Seir, but he shines from Paran (a Meccan Mountain). It was Prophet Muhammad who came from Paran. And when he conquered Mecca, he came with 10,000 saints and he wiped off idolatry from the Kaaba and then rest of Arabia. (i.e.with a fiery law for them).

Prophecy No.6:

Arise shine for thy light has come. The flocks of Sheba shall come. All the flocks of Kedar shall be gathered together unto thee..... They shall come up with acceptance on my alter and I will glorify the house of my glory. (Issiah 7).

Children of Kedar (the Quraish) accepted Islam and gathered round the Prophet and during Hajj all nations come with sacrifice at Mecca and give glory to the One True God at the divine alter. And

God is glorified at Mecca.

Prophecy No.7:

The burden upon Arabia. The inhabitants of Tema brought water for him that fled. For they fled from the swords ..... Fromgrievousness of war. For this has the Lord said unto me `within a year, all the glory of Kedar will fail.....The number of archers, the mighty men of Kedar shall be diminished. (Issiah l3:l7).

Prophet of Arabia was persecuted when he started preaching the Unity of God and he had to flee from Mecca to Madina. (Tema,of the the Bible). Its inhabitant gave him asylum and helped him in every possible way. And in the first battle at Badr, the archers of Kedar (Quresh) were defeated.

If Muhammad admittedly on all hands traces his descent to Ishmael through Kedar and he appeared as a prophet in the wilderness
of Paran and re-entered Mecca with ten thousand saints and gave a fiery law to his people, is not the prophecy above-mentoned fullfilled to its very letter? The words of the prophecy in Habakkuk are especially noteworthy ` His (the Holy One from Paran) glory covered the heavens and the earth was

full of his praise. The word `Praise` is very significant as the very name Muhammad literally means `the praised one` Besides, the Arabs, the inhabitants of the wilderness of Paran had also been promised a Revelation. ` Let the wilderness and the cities thereof life up their voice, the villages that Kedar doth inhabit let the inhabitants of the rock sing, let them shout from the to p of the mountains. Let them give glory unto the Lord, and declare his praise in the islands; the Lord shall go forth as mighty man, he shall stir up jealousy like a man of war, he shall cry, yea, roar; he shall prevail against his enemies (Isa xlii:II).

If Ismail inhabited the wilderness of Paran, where he gave birth to Kedar who is the ancestor of the Arabs - and if the sons of Kedar had to receive revelation from God, and if the flocks of Kedar, had to fail and the number of archers , the mighty men of the children of Kedar had to diminish within a year after the one fled from the sword and from the bent bows - the Holy One from Paran (Hag.iii.3) is no one else than Muhammad. Muhammad is the holy offspring of Ishmael through Kedar, who settled in the wilderness of Paran. Muhammad is the only Prophet through whom the Arabs received

revelation at the time when darkness had covered the earth. Through him God shone from Paran and Mecca is he only place where the house of God is glorified and the flocks of Kedar come up with acceptance on its alter.

Muhammad was persecuted by his people andhad to leave Mecca. He was thirsty and fled from the drawn sword and the bent bow, and within a year after his flight, (Hijrat) the descendants of Kedar meet him at Badr. the place of the first battle between the Meccans and the Prophet, the children of Kedar and their number of archers diminish and the glory of Kedar fails. If the Holy Prophet is not to be accepted as the fulfillment of all these prophecies they will still remain unfulfilled. The mention of 10,000 saints in Deuteronomy (xxxiii) is very significant. He (God) shined forth from Paran and he came with 10,000 saints. Read the whole history of the wilderness of Paran and you will find no other event but when Mecca was conquered by the Prophet, he comes with 10,000 followers from Medina and re-enters `the house of My glory. He gives, the fiery law to the world.

Prophecy No.8:

`And the Book is delivered to him that is not learned.

Read this, I pray thee, and he saith, `I am not learned`. (Issiah : 29:12).

This is exactly how the first revelation came to Muhammad in the cave of Hira. Angel Jibril asked him to `Read' and he said `I am not learned (Unlettered) (Ma Anna Be Qareen).

Prophecy No.9:

`Word upon Word, precept upon precept, line upon line, here a little and there a little.
(Issiah: 28:10)

Quranic revelation has been gradual, revealed piecemeal during a period of 23 years. Precepts and commandments were also revealed gradually. Some portions of the Quran were revealed in Mecca and some in Madina

Prophecy No.10:

`There shall no more come into thee, the Uncircumcised and the unclean.(Issiah 52:1-2).

`And nations shall flow into it. (Issiah: 2:2).

Non-believers are not permitted to visit the Kaaba. But believers from all over the world come there for Hajj.

Prophecy No.11:

For there shall be Shalom (means Islam) and Truth i my days. (Issiah 39:8).

Hebrew word `Shalom` has no other equivalent except `Islam` in Arabic. Nor is there any other equivalent of `Islam` except `Shalom` in Hebrew.

Prophecy No:12:

``And I will shake all nations and the Himda of all nations will come..... and in this place I will give Shalom.' (Haggai).

The Hebrew words `Himda' and `Shalom' respectively mean `Ahmed' and Islam. Himda is fro the word ~Hamd' (to praise) and its equivalent in Arabic is `Ahmed', `Emit' and `Pariclytos' in Greek. This prophecy is clear as daylight. God promised to send `Himda' (i.e. Ahmed) and give the religion of `Shalom' (i.e. Islam).

Prophecy No.13:

`Behold, I will send my Messenger (Shiloh) and he shall prepare the way before me, suddenly he will come to his temple, and he is the Adoni (Lord) whor you desire and the Messenger of the Covenant....he is coming. (Malachi Chap.iii.I).

Mention of a prophet coming suddenly to his temple is meant Muhammad, as he was transported from Mecca to Jerusalem on the night of Mehraj, as stated in the Quranic verse (17:1).

`Glorified is He, who took his slave by night from Masjid-e-Haram to Masjid-e-Aqsa (in Jerusalem)`.

The word `Adoni' used in the Bible means the Lord (Sultan of all the prophets) – a title of Muhammad, the Messenger of the Covenant, whose glad tidings has been given by theProphets in the Old and New Testaments.

Prophecy No.l4:

`The Sceptre shall not depart from Judah, and the law-giver from his feet, until the coming of Shiloh and to him belongeth the obedience of peoples (Genesis 10:49).

Jacob prophesied that the royal and prophetic character will continue in Judah (i.e. Bani Israil) till Shiloh cometh. The word `Shiloh' is derived from `Shalah` (to send, delegate`, i.e. one who is sent, apostle, Messenger, which corresponds exactly with `Apostle of Yah` - the very title given to Muhammad alone `Rasul Allah - the Apostle of God. The other meaning of `Shiloh' is `Trustworthy' and

`Peaceful' and (Al-Amin in Arabic). Whenthe Arabs gave the title `Al-Amin' to Prophet Muhammad, they were unaware of the prophecies of `Shiloh' in the Bible, but the ignorance of the Arabs was made use of by God to show to the learned Jews, that the Shiloh' they were anticipating was this Messenger. After the advent of Muhammad succession of Prophets ceased, not only in Bani Israel, but also In the whole world – And Muhmmad was declared `Th Seal of All Prophets' (Khattamun-Nabi).

Prophecy No.l5:

`Yahwah said to my ADON, sit on my right until I place thine enemies a footstool under thy feet . (Math: xxii:40) & (xii: 36) & Luke (xx:42).

If the first Lord is God, the second Lord(Adon cannot be a God. Speaker is God and the spoken to is also God ! How strange. Did David believe in two Lords? Had David's second Lord taken refuge with his first Lord?. This `Adoni' is the same which Daniel saw (Dan.vii) as stated by Mal(iii:1). It was Prophet Muhammad who was taken up in heaven and invested with powers to subdue his enemies which he did.

Prophecy No.16:

`The Prophet who prophecies about Shalom at the coming of the word of the Prophet, that Prophet will be recognized to have been sent by God in Truth. (Jer. Xxvii:9).

'Foretell' or `Prophecy' is derived from the word `Prophet'. One meaning of `prophecy' is to foretell things, but it also means to preach concerning a religion, for prophet is one whoreceives oracles from on high and delivers faithfully to the people. It is clearly stated that the Prophet who preaches Islam will be recognized as a True Prophet. You cannot bring another word for Shalom other than Islam in Arabic . Nor can you find another equivalent of Islam other than Shalom in Hebrew. There is no such equivalent. Shalom means Islam and Islam means Shalom.

Prophecy No.17:

`God came from Tema and the Holy One from Paran. (Habakkuk 3:5).

Tema is the other name of Madina. It was Prophet Muhammad, who migrated from Mecca to Madina.

Prophecy No: 18:

Glory be to God in the Highest.
And on Earth Peace.
And among men goodwill.
This is Anthem Gloria in Excelsis:

The Greek word for God is `Theos' , `Allaha" *in Hebrew, and `Allah' in Arabic. The word peace* means `Shalom' and `Salma' in Hebrew and Aramic , `Eirny' in Greek and `Islam' in Arabic. Equivalent of `Goodwill' in Greek is `Eudokia' and `Pariclytos' and in Hebrew it is `Himda' and `Ahmed' in Arabic meaning `esteemed, renowned and glorious and corresponds exactly with `Mahmad', `Mahmood' `Himda' and `Hemed' frequently used in the Old Testament (e.g. MaHMaD' `Mahmood) (Lam: i:7,10, ii:4), etc.

Prophecy No.19:

`The Prophet who is coming after me, is to such an extent greater than me, that I do not consider myselfworthy to bow down and untie the laces of his shoes. (John 4:7-13).

Same prophecy is put in the mouth of Jesus in the Gospel of Barnabas. This prophecy refers to a prophet who will come after John and Jesus. This

cannot be applied to Jesus as John and Jesus were contemporaries. 'After' always in the language of propnecies, means `after some centuries' Moreover, John baptized Jesus. How can an inferior prophet baptize one who is far superior to him. The baptism of both John and Jesus was with `water', whereas they had prophesied about a Prophet who would baptize with Fire and Spirit.(i.e. Zeal for War – Jihad). It was Prophet Muhammad who infused the spirit of Jihad among his followers.

Prophecy No.20:

`If you love me, obey my commandments, and I will pray to the father that he will give you another Pariclytos (translated `Comforter' and `Advocate'.) (John 14:15)

`Paricyltos' means `illustrious' `Praise-worthy' and `Glorious', which means `Himda` in Hebrew and `Ahmed' in Arabic. The qualification which Jesus gives about the Pariclytos is that he will testify about me, He will abide with you forever and that he shall not speak out of himself but will speak only that which is revealed upon him.

Prophet Muhammad testified that Jesus is, no doubt, an honorable prophet of God, but he is

not God or Son of God, but his Messenger. Second qualification is `that he will abide with you forever'. In fact, nobody lives for ever, what Jesus meant was that he will be the last prophet, no prophet coming after him. As Quran is the final revealtion and guarantee of its protection from all corruption and distortion is given by God Himself, there is no need of any new Shariat (laws) after perfection of religion in Islam.

The Quran says that `This day I have perfectied your religion for you and have chosen Islam as your religion. And the third qualification is that he will not speak out of himself but that which is revealed unto him, the Quran says *Your Companion (Muhammad) has neither gone* astray nor has he erred. Nor does he speak from his own desire. It is only a revelation revealed.

The equivalent of the word Comforter or Advocate in Greek is not Pariclytos but `Pariqloon'.

Prophecy No.2l:

Enoch, seventh generation from Adam, has prophesied :

`The Lord cometh with 10,000.

As stated earlier, Prophet Muhammad when

he conquered Mecca, he came with 10,000 saints.

Prophecy No.22:

`I will make of thee a great nation .... And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse them that curse thee. (Jude: 14-15). This is addressed by God to Prophet Abraham. It is the Muslims who bless Abraham in each and every prayers.

Prophecy No.22:

`HIKKO MAMMITTAQIM VIKULLO MUHAMMADDIM'

(Songs of Solomon 5:16)

`He is my beloved and his name is Muhammad' This prophecy requires no comments. I have quoted the prophecy as is given in the Hebrew text, so that there can be no doubt about the name of Prophet Muhammad as quoted in the Bible.

Prophecy No.23:

`My friend ..... is pre-eminently among 10,000.' (Song of Solomon 5:10).

Prophet Muhammad when he conquered *Mecca, he came with 10,000 saintly companions.*

Prophecy No.24:

`Behold upon the mountains, the feet of him that bringeth good tidings and preacheth peace. Oh Thou Worthy of Praise, keep up thy prayers and perform thy vows. For `Abi Laeeb' shall no more stand in thy way, he is utterly cut off. (Nahum 1:15).

`One who preacheth peace means who preaches Islam. ` Worthy of Praise' literally means `Muhammad'.

`Abu Lahab' was an uncle of the Prophet who persecuted him (mentioned Abi Laeeb' in the prophecy) and in verses (Ch. 111:1-3) of the Quran `Tabbatiyada' it is stated:

"Perish the two hands of Abu Lahab (an uncle of Prophet Muhammad)."

As also in Surah Kausar (Ch. 108.3) God says; "For he who hates you, he will be cut off."

Prophecy No.25:

`And God will reveal unto them perfect Islam and Truth (Jere. 33:6)

Quran says `This day I have perfected your religion for you and have chosen Islam as your religion.

After all these crystal clear prophecies and comments, one would be surely blind not to

recognize Muhammed as the promised prophet and Islam as a true religion.

All the Prophets of God earlier to Prophet Muhammad were true and their religion a source of guidance to their people, but unfortunately their religion was distorted by their followers for vested interests And as God was to send his last Messenger for all mankind, He had taken a covenant from all prophets to foretell his coming, which is recorded in their sacred books.

Unity of God is the cardinal doctrine and the basic concept of *all religions. But their* followers have even distorted this very teaching.

Moses when he brought the Ten Commandment, the first commandment was : `Thou shall have no god before me. ' `Thou shall not nave any graven image.`.

Jesus Christ, when he was asked, which is the first commandment , `Oh Lord.' He said: Say, thy God is One.

Jesus instructed his followers to uphold the law and not to break it. He said that `Not an iota of law will pass away.`

Jesus was no doubt a mighty Messenger of God. But, with all his perfection, he was still a creature

of God - not the Creator. He was born of a frail woman. And the person who is born makes his mother dirty for 40 days. Can that be a quality of a God? Jesus was circumcised on the 8th day. Can God be circumcised? He was subjected to all human needs. A person who lives has to subsist on food, and the person who takes in food also passes excreta. Can that be a quality of God. Can you imagine God going to a toilet.

Jesus himself used to pray to God. as can be seen from the Bible that he goes to a far of place, and bowsdown before God. If he was a god, then to whom was he praying ? To himself ! He, no doubt, performed many miracles, like curing the sick, the lepers. the blind and even raised the dead to life. But before performing any miracle, he used to pray to God. He used to say `I can do nothing by myself, but by the the finger of God, Who performs these miracles through me to prove the veracity of my claim that I am the `Sent One'.

In the 24,000 copies of the Bible, there is not a single unequivocal statement where Jesus says that `I am God, and you worship me`.

In fact, his pure teachings of worship of One God was distorted in due course of time. In 325 AD, a Council was held in Nicea, under the auspices of

Constantinople. In that Council, it was decided that Jesus is the `Son of God`. Airus of the Unitarian Sect, with 18 Bishops and 2000 clergy dissented with this view. But under the influence of the pagan Emperor, this creed was accepted as the true teaching of Jesus.
In a subsequent Council, it was decided that the Holy Ghost was also co-equal and consubstantial with God.
In the third Council at Ephesus, it was decided that Mary, the mother of Jesus, is the mother of God. So once an erring humanity forms a conception of multiplicity of gods, there is no end to god-manufacturing.

These were not the true teachings of Jesus. He says that I confess to you only One God, who is the Creator of the Heavens and Earth and He has no father, no mother or companions. He is absolutely One without a Second. He is the One who has created us in our mother`s womb. In our creation, He had no one to help Him. He is also the Creator of Jesus and all who are in the Heavens and Earth.
So the present creed believed by the Christians is formulated subsequently. Neither is it the teaching of Jesus nor of earlier Prophets. No Prophet ever taught a triune God, but the One True God.

The other important point to ponder is`Did God beget a Son`. To say that He did, is a blasphemy, for begetting is an animal act, pertaining to the lower functioning of sex. And we are not to attribute such a thing to God for God does not beget, nor is He begotton.
In the Quran, God says that if He desires to destroy Jesus and all on earth, who is there who can stop Him from so doing. For all are His creatures and He has power on all of them. Not that He would do it, for he (Jesus) was a mighty messenger of God. No Muslim is a Muslim unless he believes in Jesus. We believe in his virgin birth (Immaculate conception), which even some modern day Christians deny..

Remember the parting advice of Jesus to his followers :
He says, `I have many things to say to you now, but you will not be able to bear it. But when, he (the Spirit of Truth - The Periclytos (Ahmed) will come, he will guide you unto all Truth.
Quran says:

`And (mention) when Jesus, the son of Mary said, `O children of Israel, indeed I am the messenger of Allah to you confirming what came before me of the Torah and bringing good tidings of a messenger

tocome after me, whose name is Ahmad." (Holy Quran 661:6).

In conclusion, I have to invite you all to the true teaching of Jesus Christ which can only be found in the Quran. and not in the distorted virsion which was formed and decided in human councils. Faith and beliefs have to be from divine revelations and since Quran is the final revelations and preserved in its pristine purity, it gives the true teachings of Jesus Christ. If one sees Jesus from the Quranic angle, it will be clear that Islam does not distract from the teachings of Christ, but gives out his true teachings.

Readers are requested to see Jesus in the light of the Holy Quran and accept Islam and Prophet Muhammad who has been prophesied in both the Old and the New Testaments, as shown above.

May God guide all of us to the Right Path and give us the courage to accept the Truth, wherever it is found.

Mohammad
(pbuh)
in Hindu Scriptures

Prophet Muhammad is not only mentioned in th Bible (as shown in my article `Fulfilled Prophecies the Bible) but is also mentioned at many places in th Atharva Veda, Sam Veda, Yajur Veda, Rig Veda and the Mahabharata. He is mentioned as Antim Ris and Kalki Avtar.

`Avatar' is generally believed by the Hindus to b `God Incarnate' (i.e. God coming in the form of a ma to guide humanity). But this is not the corre interpretation of the word `Avtar'. According t Hindu scholars `Avtar' means `A man sent by God t guide mankind (i.e. a Messenger of God). Vedas hav prophesied about a Sage, whose name will be `Nara sangsha'. This name is a combination of `Nar' an `Ashangsha' (which word is derived fro `Prasangsha' means `to praise' (i.e. `The Praised One which literally means `Muhammad'. The word `Na indicates that he is a person, not a demon, jinn or a

angel. All the eight references in the Rig Veda starts with his name. In the Atharva Veda he is described as a Camel riding Rishi. Prophet Muhammad used to ride camels No Indian Rishi is allowed to ride camels. It is prohibited for them.

◆ He will have 12 wives. Prophet Muhammad had 12 wives.

◆ He will carry a sword and drive a steed. Prophet Muhammad participated in battles and he used to carry a sword.

◆ He will be taken to heaven and will be assisted by angels in the battle field and he will subdue his enemies

◆ Prophet was taken to the heavens on the night of `Meraj` and was assisted by angels in the battle field which is mentioned in the Quran.

◆ He will receive knowledge through divine revelation.

Prophet received the Quran through angel Jibril.

◆His father's name will be Vishnu Yash (i.e. worshipper of God) and his mother's name will be Samuti (peaceful).

◆ Prophet Muhammad's father's name was Abdullah (which means a `slave of Allah) amd his mother's

name was Amina, which is derived from the word `Amin' (i.e. peaceful) same as Samuti.

◆ He will be born in a sandy desert (i.e. in Arabia). He will go north and come back with 10,000 companions.

◆ Prophet Muhammad was born is the sandy desert of Arabia. When he was persecuted at Mecca, he migrated to Madina which is in the north of Mecca and after eight years he conquered Mecca and came with 10,000 companions.

◆ In the Kalki Purana it is stated that He will be assisted by four companions who will spread his religion after him.

◆Prophets four companions were Abu Bakr, Umar, Usman and Ali (May peace be on all of them), who spread his religion in the four corners of world.

◆ He will have 10 garments, 100 horses and 10,000 cows. He will be born in Kalyug, when darkness will prevail all over the world. He will go to the north and come back with 10,000 companions.

◆ 10 garments were the ten companions to whom Prophet Muhammad had given glad tidings of Paradise in this world. They are known as `Ashara Mubashara'

100 horses is a metaphor for the 100 companions who migrated to Abyssinia for the sake of religion. And 10,000 were the companions who accompanied him at the conquest of Mecca.

From the above description of the Prophet it is crystal clear that all these prophesies apply to no other person than Prophet Muhammad.

He is **`Narashangsa -** `The Praised One` (ie. Muhammad).

He is the Prince of Peace and an `Emigrant', **(Kaurama)** who migrated to Madina (which is in the north of Mecca) and remained safe among a host of opponents as prophesied in the Vedas.

He is a camel-riding **Rishi.**

He is **`Mamah Rishi'** with 100 coins of gold, ten wreaths, 300 good steeds (who fought alongwith him in the Battle of Badr) and 10,000 cows (companions of the Prophet who accompanied him at the conquest of Mecca).

His followers observed prayers even in the battle field.

He gave wisdom (Quran) to the world.

He is the best guide for the whole of mankind.

He has spread peace (Islam) in the world.

People prosper in his rule and reach th height of glory in his rule.

He is asked to wake up and warn the world This is exact translation of the 74th Chapter of th Quran.

- ◆ He is bountiful and generous.
- ◆ Peace reigns everywhere in his rule.
- ◆ The last mantra entreats protection from harm.

Prophet Muhammad has been mentioned i Bhavishya Purana by Maharishi Vyasaji in Prati Sar Parv III: 3,3,5-9.

Below is given the translation.

"`A malechha (belonging to a foreign country an speaking foreign language) spiritual teacher o mankind will appear with his companions. His nam will be Muhammad. Raja (Bhoj) after giving thi Maha Dev Arab(of angelic disposition) a bath in th `Panchgavya' and the Ganges water (i.e. purging hir of all sins), offered him the presents of his sincer devotion and showing him reverence said `I mak obeisance of thee`. `Oh Ye' the pride of mankind, th dweller in Arabia. Ye have collected a great force t kill the Devil and you yourself have been protecte from the malechha opponents. ..... take me as a slav

to thee, take me as one lying on thy feet.'."

In the above mantra ,the name of Prophet Muhammad has been mentioned. He will be from Arabia. His companions are mentioned. Raja shows his heart-felt reverence. He will be protected from enemies. He will root out idol-worship. Maharishi in reverence claims to lie on his feet. He is the pride of mankind.

Another clear prophecy of Vyasaji is found in Shalokas 10-27.

"`The malechha have spoiled the well-known land of the Arabs. Arya Dharma is not to be found in that country. Before also there appeared a fiend, whom I had killed; he has now again appeared being sent by a powerful enemy; to show these enemies the right path and to give them guidance, the well-known Muhammad is busy in bringing the Pishacha to the right path. .... I shall enforce the creed of meat-eaters. My followers will be man circumcised, without tail on his head, keeping beard, creating revolution, announcing adzan and will be eating all lawful things. They will not be purified by holy shrubs but will be purified through warfare. And on account of their fighting the irreligious nations, they will be

known as `Musalmans'."

In this mantra Prophet Muhammad's name has been clearly mentioned. It is stated that his followers will be circumcised, will keep beard, will not keep tail and they will create a revolution. Adzan will be announced from the minarets. They will not eat flesh of swine. They will not be purified by holy shrubs but by swords. They will be a meat-eating nation and will be known as `Musalmans'.

Prophet Muhammad has also been mentioned by the name `Kaurama` which means an `Emigrant'. Prophet Muhammad migrated northward of Mecca to Madina, which is well known as `Hijrat'.

Battle of Allies (Confedarates) mentioned in the Vedas.

"`Oh Indira- Thou rendered vanquished, without a fight, the 10,000 opponents of the Praying One, the Adoring One. ``Praying One` and Adoring One`means Ahmed. The other name of Prophet Muhammad. The enemies who came to fight him were 10,000 in number. In the mantra it is stated that `Oh. Indira' you defeated. Indira is described in the Rig Veda as `Thunder and Hurricane' and the cause of the flight in

the battle of allies was because of thunder and storm."Another mantra, following the above mantra is :

'You go from one battle to another, destroying fortress after fortress ..... with your friend, the `the Praised One', have slain the treachous `Namuchi'.

This refers to the event just after the battle of allies. The Jews were the allies of the Muslims, but they proved to be trechous and guileful and sided the Meccans. Afer the battle, the Prophet ordered to march against the Jews, who hid themselves in fortress, which were captured by the Muslims. The other meaning of Namuch is `punishable'. Prophet Muhammad appointed an Arbitrator from amongst the Jews themselves, who ordered their males to be killed and their women and children to be enslaved.

Another prophecy in the Vedas is :"`You have overthrown the 20 kings and the 60,000 population who were opponents of the orphan. (Muhammad)." At the time of Prophet Muhammad there were 20 chieftans and the approximate population of Arabia was 60,000 who were the opponents of the Prophet Muhammad who was an orphan.

In Sama Veda : II:6:8: it is stated that : "`A h m a d

acquired the ` Shariah' (the religious laws). Thi Shariah is full of wisdom. I borrow light from him."

In this mantra of Sama Veda, the other name o Prophet Muhammad is mentioned, which is `Ahmed

At this point, it is pertinent to point out tha the Hindu priests recite the Shahda (i.e. the Islami Kalma) which they call `Un-Kahee' in the ears of th dying person, so that he may recite it and separatio of the soul from the body may become easy, and th soul conveniently travel to Parlok. Is it not the better to recite this Kalma when alive in this worl then to recite it at the time of death, which will serv no purpose, as in the case of Pharaoh, who whe facing death said `I believe in the Lord of Moses an Aaron. This declaration of faith on the verge of deat was not accepted by God. So it is advisable to accep faith now and gain Paradise.

After all these clear prophecies in the Veda can there be any doubt about the prophethood of ou Prophet Muhammad.

No one with an open mind and clear conscious den that Prophet Muhammad is the Antim Rishi and Kal

Avtar mentioned in the Vedas.

Moreover the Vedas at several places point out that God is only One. He alone is worthy of worship and that He has no form, image or statue. Idol-worship is wrong is clearly stated in the Atharva Veda and that idols, statures or images is nothing but misguidance. After the verdict of Vedas, how can one accept the preaching of pundits and pujaris, who for vested interests, have discarded their sacred scriptures and are misguiding people away from the Vedas and are looting people by inventing ceremonies to fill their bellies.

In conclusion, I invite all sane persons to accept Islam as per the teachings of the Vedas as well as the sayings of their Rishis, like Maharishi Vyasaji

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May God guide us to the right path and give us the courage to accept the Truth when it is made clear to us. God says in the Quran that He can forgive any sin, to whomsoever He pleases, but one sin He will not forgive and that is you ascribe any Partner to Him.

Mohammad (pbuh) in Parsi Scriptures

Zorastrinism, commonly known as Parsi-ism originated from Persia. Their Prophet was Zarthust or Zoroaster. Their sacred books are Dasatir and Zend Avesta. Prophet Zarthust has prophesied regarding Prophet Muhammad by the name `Astrat ereta` which means the `Praised One`, or `Muhammad` in Arabic, as an upholder and gatherer of all nations raised for guidance and reformation of all men. The Quran also states tha Prophet Muhammad has been sent as a guide to al mankind. His other name has been given as `Soeshyant' which means one who is praised much (i.e. Ahmed).

In Atash Nyayish, : 9. It is stated : "`Mayes thou burn in this House, Mayest thou ever burn in thi House, Mayest thou increase in this House. Even for long time till the powerful restoration of the world, ti the time of the good, powerful restoration of th world.`"

This prophecy is in line with the one in th Bible (Gen. 10:49), wherein it is stated that

"`The Sceptre will not depart from Judah, nor the ruler from his feet, until the coming of Shiloh, and to him belongeth the obedience of peoples.`"

As the Jews were anticipating the arrival of the Messenger of God, so also the Parsis were waiting for the reformer of the world, whose name would be `Astrat-ereta` (Muhammed) and `Soeshyant` (Ahmed).

The next prophecy mentioned in their scriptures is:

"`When such deeds, the Persians will do, then from amongst the Arabs, a man will be born, from among the followers of whom, the crown and throne and kingdom and religion of the Persians, shall be overthrown and dissoluted and will be the arrogant people subjugated. They will see instead of the house of idols, and the temple of fire, the House of worship of Abraham, without any idols."

Let the Parsis consider the prophecy of their Prophet Zarthust about the great reformer `Astraterata (Muhammad), who will correct the evils of the Parsi faith and would extirpate idol-worship, whose Companions will become of the Masters of the sacred places of the Parsis.

Gautam Buddha
Foretells The Advent of
Prophet Mohammad
(pbuh)

All prophets who appeared before Prophet Muhammad have prophesied his advent. Gautam Buddha has also prophesied his advent by qualification `Maitreya` (The Merciful or Bountiful).

`There will arise in the world a Buddha named `Maitreya`, a Holy One, a Supreme One, a Benevolent One, endowed with wisdom in conduct, auspicious, knowing the Universe, of uncomparable character, who is a Master of angels and mortals, a blessed Buddha even as I have now arisen in the world, a Buddha will arise endowed with these same qualities. What he has realized by his own supernal knowledge, he will publish to the Universe, with its angels, its friends and its arch-angel. ..... He will preach his religion, glorious in its origin, glorious at its climax,

glorious at the goal. He will proclaim a religious life, wholly prefect and ultimately pure, even as I now preach my religion, he will have a society of monks numbering many thousands, even as I now keep up a society of monks numbering many hundreds (Chakarvati Sinhand Suffanta D:III,76).

The name `Maitreya` mentioned in the prophecy means `Benevolent, Merciful) and in Arabic it means `Rahmatullil Alameen`, In this prophecy Gautam Buddha says that he will be a universal teacher and he will have thousands of followers, whereas, he (Buddha) himself has in hundreds. This name Maitreya is even found in all books on Buddisim. The Quran says`We have not sent thee, but as a mercy to all nations`.

The promised Maitreya will be a guide for all mankind and his qualities are mentioned in the Buddhist scriptures Dhanma Pad Maitreya Sutta as :

Unique Trustfulness, A peace maker, One who sleeps undisturbed. Full of wisdom. Immune from night mares. Angels will guard him, Lover of mankind, Unharmed by poison, safe in battles, Secure from danger of fire and water and successful in this world

and in the hereafter.

At his death Gautam Buddha told his disciple Anand :

I am not the only Buddha having come to this world, nor am I the last in the train. At his proper time, another Buddha will emerge, a sacred one, light upon light, one when who will diffuse wisdom and knowledge. He will be a leader of mankind and preacher of the people and jinns. He will expose the truth. He will propogate his religion. His disciples will multiply into thousands whereas mine are only a few hundred. He will be Maitreya all in all.

From the above quote, it is clear that the promised Buddha will be Maitreya – a Mercy for all nations` (Rahmattullil Alamin) and all the qualities about him fits to no other person than our beloved Prophet Muhammad.

Let the Buddhists consider these prophecies of their sacred scriptures without prejudice, and accept him.

May God guide all of us to the Right Path and give us the courage to accept the Truth, wherever it is found.

And [mention] when Jesus, the son of Mary, said, "O children of Israel, indeed I am the messenger of Allah to you confirming what came before me of the Torah and bringing good tidings of a messenger to come after me, whose name is Ahmad." But when he (Muhammad [PBUH]) came to them with clear evidences, they said, "This is obvious magic."

[The Noble Qur'an 61:6]

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